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ABSTRACT

Suggesting that Open Space Technology (OST) is an effective, fast, and easily repeatable strategy for organizing meetings of between 5 and 1,000 participants, this book presents a hands-on, detailed description of the rationale, procedures, and requirements of OST. The book discusses how OST enables self-organizing groups of all sizes to deal with hugely complex issues in a very short period of time. The book outlines the practical considerations necessary to create Open Space. Chapters in the book are: (1) "Open Space Technology?"; (2) "Preparation"; (3) "The Electronic Connection"; (4) "Personal Preparation for Open Space"; (5) "Site Preparation"; (6) "Getting Started: Creating Time and Space"; (7) "The Four Principles and the One Law"; (8) "Time to Go to Work"; (9) "Holding Space and Time"; (10) "Special Considerations for Three-Day Events"; (11) "Endings and New Beginnings"; (12) "Fringe Benefits and Follow-Up"; and (13) "What Next?" A list of seven Open Space print and video resources; and information on joining Open Space Institutes are attached. (RS)

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